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TREE–MENDOUS!

Family appeal for festive firs to help parents of sick children in Alder Hey

by Danielle Thompson

THE FAMILY of a four year old boy who was successfully treated for a brain tumour are launching their second annual 'tree–mendous' charity fund–raising challenge!

Rosalind Bell, whose son Daniel was rushed into emergency surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in June 2014, first came up with the idea of collecting 'used' Christmas trees for a £10 donation last year, raising more than £2,000 – which they used to buy 10 mini iPads and protective cases for the neuro–surgical and oncology wards at Alder Hey.

Efforts

With the help of volunteers, family and friends, the 34–year–old mum from Black Moss Lane in Ormskirk picked up more than 100 trees from homes across West Lancashire, Sefton and South Liverpool in January this year for a £10 donation.

Many people donated more than the suggested amount, while others contributed even if they had no tree.

The family's efforts also gave a boost to the environment with the collected trees being handed over to National Trust to be used to bind the dunes at Formby beach to halt sand erosion by the wind.

Now the family is hoping to raise at least £2,700 to buy six recliner chairs for the families of children on the neurosurgery high–dependency unit at Alder Hey to sleep on overnight.

Extra funds raised will be used to buy recliner chairs for children undergoing chemotherapy treatment as day patients.

The Liverpool hospital's brand new £250m state–of–the–art extension, Alder Hey in the Park, opened in October.

Rosalind told the Champion: "The hospital has recently spent a huge amount on new equipment and it is vital for them to prioritise their resources on facilities for the children, but it does mean that there are currently not enough recliner beds for the parents of children on the high dependency neurosurgery ward.

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Daniel (centre) with sisters Layla and Seren and mum and dad, Rosie and Colin at their Aughton home. Code1086862

Pupils help double food bank supplies

by Henry James

SHARES Pupil Parliament – an organisation made up of youngsters from local primary schools – visited a food bank at the Ecumenical Centre in Skelmersdale, to donate food they have been collecting.

For the past six weeks the SHARES Pupil Parliamentarians along with their own school councils have been asking people to donate food for Christmas Hampers.

Children have done a number of different things to promote the food bank such as holding assemblies, creating jingles and holding class competitions.

Skelmersdale and Up Holland Pupil Parliament is held monthly at SHARES. Each school elects two representatives to implement what they believe their local community requires.

When the children first arrived at the food bank on Monday, December 14 the bags and boxes of food that each school had brought in was weighed and sorted, and anything out of date was discarded. Items then went in to boxes of the same food type, for example all the pasta went together, and all the jam.

In total the Skelmersdale and Up Holland Pupil Parliament collected a whopping 883.1 Kg of food!

A spokeswoman for SHARES Pupil Parliament said: "A lady who volunteers at the food bank said that they weren't sure whether they would actually have enough food before our visit today, but thanks to everyone involved the quantity of food doubled!!! So what an achievement!"

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Council chief outlines authority's ambitions for the year ahead

THE leader of West Lancs Council, Councillor Ian Moran, has issued a Christmas message to all residents in the borough, as well as outlining the authority's ambitions for the year ahead.

Cllr. Moran said: "I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year, and I hope that 2016 is a good year for everyone.

"In 2016 the council will continue to be ambitious for the borough, ambitious for its people, businesses and places. We are committed to important projects that will benefit everyone who lives and works here."

And he added that the recently–adopted Council Plan for 2015–18 set out their main priorities as follows:

• On the economy: The priority is to retain and grow jobs, increase skill levels and encourage business and wealth,working with businesses and partners to provide land, premises and finance, match training opportunities to skill needs, and to improve transport.

• On the environment: Focussing on enhancing the built and physical environment, and its cleanliness by working with communities and partners to protect and improve the environment, keep streets clean and tidy and combat crime and the fear of crime.

• On health and wellbeing: Improving the health and wellbeing of local communities by working with partners to provide leisure and culture opportunities which contribute to healthier communities. In addition, the council is working to deliver housing that meets the needs of local people including affordable housing, and aims to be a top performing landlord.

Councillor Ian Moran

Cllr. Moran continued: "We always strive to provide the best possible services within the resources available. Our employees are among our greatest assets and I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work over the last 12 months towards achieving the council's priorities.

"While Christmas is a joyful time for a lot of us, it can be a difficult time for those who are lonely or have lost someone dear to them. I would ask the people of West Lancashire to spare a thought for those who live locally who may need a helping hand over the festive period."

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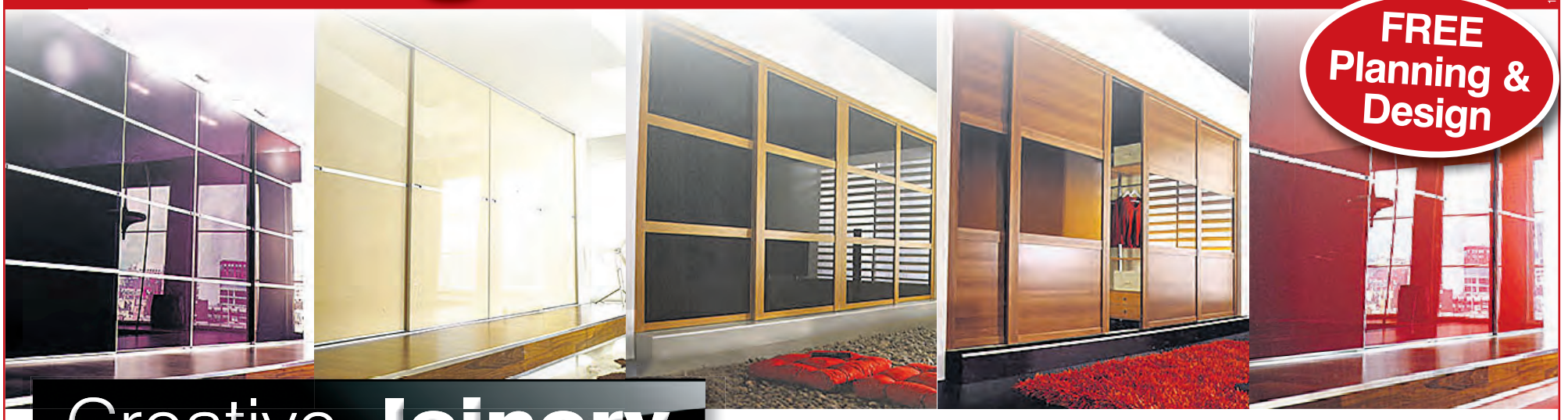

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Green light for consultation on combined authority plan

LANCASHIRE County Councillors have given the green light for a public consultation into the creation of a Combined Authority.

The County Council debated the proposals at its full council meeting last week and plan to carry out the consultation early in the New Year.

County Councillor Jennifer Mein, Leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "It is common sense that councils work more closely together in strategic areas such as major transport schemes, housing and economic development.

"Lancashire's council leaders have been working hard to reach this point and I would encourage the people of Lancashire to have their say on this important subject.

"I am absolutely convinced that Lancashire's leaders are best placed to make the important decisions that will benefit everyone in the county."

A combined authority is a legal body that means councils across a designated area can work together better and be more accountable to residents.

All 12 district councils, as well as Lancashire County Council and the two unitary authorities – Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Councils – have been involved in the process.

The report to Lancashire County Council's Full Council asked councillors to push forward the move that could see Lancashire Councils gain more power from Central Government and provide a stronger voice for Lancashire. All 15 councils agreed to take a report to their full council.

Some of the cast of Grumpy Sheep at Burscough Village Primary School

Grumpy Sheep take a bow!

YOUNG performers added a creative flair to a nativity play with a difference.

More than 90 reception, year one and year two children aged five–seven years old performed their Christmas play, Grumpy Sheep, to not one but three packed–out audiences of supportive family and friends during two afternoons and one evening show at Burscough Village Primary School.

Deputy Headteacher, Helen Crowder, said: "We are extremely proud of our children, who practised for weeks to learn their roles.

"We were delighted that they were able to entertain their friends and families and to end the term on such a high note."

MP blasts plans for fracking

by **Danielle Thompson**

ORMSKIRK has been offered up as a potential area to explore for fracking.

Last week, the Oil and Gas Authority revealed that it has awarded a raft of new licences to explore for oil and gas across the UK, 40 of which are in the North West.

The areas are split into numbered geographical 'blocks' and of these, eight are in Lancashire between Ormskirk and Burnley. The licences could lead to hydraulic fracturing, known as fracking. Around 75% of the exploration licences relate to shale oil and gas, which usually necessitate fracking.

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper described the plans as 'shocking.' She said: "It is a shocking but unsurprising decision that the government has granted these exploration licenses covering West Lancashire. In doing so the government has opened up the area to fracking and brought great uncertainty for the future to so many communities across West Lancashire.

"Clearly the government has pound signs in their eyes and big business whispering in their ear. At the same time they have completely disregarded the local democratic decision of Lancashire County Council to reject fracking in this area, they have ridden roughshod over the safety fears and health concerns of local residents and neglected meaningful protection of the local environment."

Maureen Mills from Halsall Against Fracking said: "The dangers of fracking are creeping nearer to so many more communities in England.

"This government is clearly intent on its agenda of forcing fracking upon us and we just won't accept it. No amount of "community" bribery could ever make up for the loss of our beloved countryside, agricultural and tourism heritage or the dangers to our health and well–being."

It's a wrap for firm!

STAFF at a property firm in Ormskirk have collected sackfuls of gifts for families using a food–bank this Christmas.

NSW Properties staff have collected bagfuls of toys to give to families who are collecting Christmas hampers from Ormskirk Foodbank.

The company appealed to their customers and colleagues at other local businesses to ask for their support and they received a range of gifts, including two sacks donated by local company Prestige Flooring.

Neil Warnock, managing director of NSW Properties says: "Christmas is all about children. We wanted to give something to children in the local area who are not as fortunate as our own and may get very little, if anything, this Christmas.

"We were overwhelmed with the response to our appeal for toys and want to thank everyone who donated. We hope they make someone very happy."

NSW Properties staff with some of the gifts donated to Ormskirk Foodbank Code NA

Pete Richards from the Ormskirk Foodbank said: "Thank you to all at NSW Properties for the wonderful presents that you collected and donated to the food–bank. We have already started allocating and giving out the gifts to those in real need in this area and we know that they are really appreciated."

Exhibitions pop up!

ILLUMINATED pop–up exhibitions are on display at two vacant shop sites in Ormskirk.

The Chapel Gallery is hosting Objects of Desire, which is set in surroundings inspired by well–known fairy tales and showcases the work of 35 of the best contemporary craft makers in the UK.

The fairytale theme also extends to banners on Moor Street. Professional artists, Matthew Roby and Angie Thompson, were commissioned to produce the artworks.

Matthew, from Up Holland, created a series of images that re–interpret traditional fairytales by The Brothers Grimm in the empty retail unit by the Clock Tower. Angie Thompson, based in Ormskirk, has illustrated her own original fairytale 'Goose and the Gingerbread Moons' inspired by Ormskirk's rich history and this can be seen at a retail unit on the junction of Burscough Street and Derby Street.

£10,000 grant for school

A PRIMARY school in West Lancashire has been awarded a £10,000 grant to create a new facility for pupils.

Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Prmary has been awarded the cash as part of The Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All and Reaching Communities programme.

The school in Church Road will use the funding to create an outdoor, all–weather, physical challenge area to improve the health and fitness of pupils and reduce obesity.

Family appeal for festive trees

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"The families are sleeping on hard chairs to be with their child at this vital time –and while some families are only there for days, others can be on the ward for months.

"As the equipment takes up a lot of space and the staff need to be able to get to it quickly in an emergency, only recliner beds are suitable for use as they take up less space. But there are 10 beds and only four have recliner chairs, so we want to buy six to fill up the ward at around £450 a chair.

"Any extra we raise will fund chairs for use by children undertaking chemotherapy treatment, who are not admitted onto an overnight ward.

"Last year we had three vans and did a day of collecting – but this year we are doing collections on January 2 and 9.

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Six–figure fund boost for borough highway projects

WEST Lancashire is to receive an extra £220,000 to spend on roads in the borough as part of a £2.5m Local Priority Response Fund created by Lancashire County Council's "efficient working" on other highway projects.

This new fund is part of the county council's aim to improve the condition of roads, streetlights and bridges in the county.

It is intended to support the 15–year Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) which has already shown results with fewer potholes and other defects now being found per kilometre on A, B and C–class roads.

The funding was agreed by Skelmersdale East County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport.

County Councillor Fillis

He said: "I'm pleased that our effective ways of working have led to money being available to help invest in local roads and pavements in our county.

"This is due to the excellent work that has been done by our highways teams. Their prudent management has freed up £2.5m which will be reinvested back into Lancashire's roads.

"We're always working hard to improve the condition of roads and pavements, which affect people's quality of life on a daily basis."

As part of the Priority Response Fund, county councillors will be involved in the process for making improvements to roads and pavements in their local areas.

Funding for each district was decided based 50% on the population and 50% on an assessment of the condition of the roads in the area.

Beware of rogue traders cashing in on storm damage

Report by **Henry James**

COUNTY council watchdogs are urging householders in Lancashire not to be taken in by rogue traders trying to cash in on the effects of the recent stormy weather by offering to do property repairs.

Officials at Lancashire's Trading Standards Service warn that bad weather and high winds are often followed by bogus workmen cold–calling residents with offers to repair roofs, fences, guttering and remove trees damaged by gusts.

These rogue traders often prey on vulnerable householders' concerns about the condition of their property and undertake work that is not needed, of poor quality and vastly over–priced.

A cold caller recently charged a Preston resident £1,700 for two hours of unnecessary work on their roof, while a Chorley resident paid £12,500 for roofing work which left holes with daylight showing through

County Councillor Ali

with the problems caused having to be fixed by a reputable trader.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Rogue roofers usually start their pitch with a small job, such as a claim that a slate needs fixing or the ridge tiles need cementing, but this invariably escalates into a list of expensive problems once they are on the roof.

"Unscrupulous property repairers often trick people into paying high prices for work that is of poor quality or that did not need doing in the first place.

"Our advice is never to do business with cold callers and never agree to have work done by somebody who turns up uninvited on your doorstep.

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"If you think work needs to be done as a result of stormy weather, check with your insurance company first. If you do need to find a trader to do work, get quotes from two or three local businesses or ask friends and relatives to recommend a reputable business. You can also use our Safe Trader Scheme."

The Safe Trader Scheme is a list of traders managed by Trading Standards with the aim of helping consumers find reputable traders for property repairs and home improvements.

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Phone line open to report stray dogs over festive period

WEST Lancs Council has made arrangements for residents to report stray dogs between Christmas and New Year.

If you need to report a stray dog between Thursday, December 24 and Friday, January 1 ring the council's contracted kennels, Leigh Dogs and Cats Home, on 07786 118088.

The phone line will be open from 11.30am to 4pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and from 11.30am to 5pm from Sunday, December 27 to Wednesday, December 30.

It will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

On Saturday and Sunday, January 2 and 3 the phone line will be open between 9am and 5pm.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's portfolio holder for environmental health, said: "We hope all dog owners will be responsible and keep their pets safe and not let them stray.

"However, if anyone does see a stray dog between Christmas and New Year they should report the animal to Leigh Dogs and Cats Home. Dogs that are dangerously out of control should be reported to the police."

Stray dogs will be collected and taken back to Leigh Dogs and Cats Home. Any pet owners who wish to collect their pets must contact the home first on 01942 671215 or visit the website www.leighdogsandcatshome.co.uk to check when it will be possible to visit, as opening hours will be reduced over the holiday period.

Beware extra risks at Christmas

WEST Lancs residents are being urged to take extra care, as excitement, stress, tiredness and alcohol can combine to create extra risks at home during Christmas.

NHS chiefs revealed that more than 80,000 people a year need hospital treatment for injuries such as falls, cuts and burns, food poisoning from badly cooked turkeys, people cutting themselves with knives when they're opening presents too quickly and parents stabbing themselves with scissors which they are using to assemble toys instead of using a screwdriver.

Other examples include home cooks pouring hot turkey fat down the kitchen sink, where it solidifies and blocks the drains.

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Increased charges on way for overdue library books

Report by **Henry James**

INCREASED charges for people who are late returning books are being introduced at Lancashire libraries in the New Year.

From January 1 anyone aged 18 and over who has borrowed a book and returns it late will have to pay a fine of 15p per day. The maximum fine charged will be £6 per book.

Councillor Marcus Johnstone, the county council's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "The council faces an unprecedented financial challenge caused by relentless central government cuts and rising demand for our services.

"Although charges are never popular, this change should encourage people to bring back their books so that they can be enjoyed by other readers and should mean that more stock is available at any time."

Current exemptions to fines for the late return of books for people 65 and over or who have long–term health conditions or a disability will no longer apply when the new arrangements are introduced.

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone

A charge of £1 will also be introduced for each child taking part in a library craft activity, up to a maximum charge of £2 per family. This is being introduced to help with the cost of materials used for the activities. It will not apply to groups including Baby, Bounce and Rhyme and Toddler Rhyme Time.

The new charges are in addition to the inter–library loan charge, introduced on December 1, for anyone requesting an item not available at a Lancashire library.

If it isn't possible to source the item from a nearby council, it can be loaned from the British Library. However, every item borrowed from the British Library incurs a cost of £13. To date users have only been charged 60p for this service but will now pay the full cost.

Cllr. Johnstone added: "Unfortunately we can't afford to keep absorbing these costs for a relatively small group of people. This is quite a specialist service and the charge is now necessary."

The cost of borrowing vocal score sets increased from £10 to £30 on December 1. This charge applies for loans of up to 40 titles.

Similarly, the cost of loaning orchestral sets increased from £20 to £60.

Staff rise to food challenge

THE boss of Skelmersdale business, All About Food, issued a Christmas challenge to his staff team last week.

He asked before the employees went out for their Christmas meal that evening, could they use the day to organise a free Christmas meal for 50 local charity workers and volunteers?

The team rose to the challenge and delivered the feast – on time and to budget.

From being issued the challenge at 8am that morning, the team worked non–stop to source, cook and serve a four course Christmas dinner for over 50, organise entertainment, raffle, quiz, decorations, presents, and even a Father Christmas!

Phil Lynas, managing director of All About Food said: "We organised the event to highlight and celebrate all the good work done by local charities in West Lancs.

"I'm proud of my team who worked so hard to deliver such a wonderful event – overall it was simply one of the best days I have experienced in 17 years of All About Food!"

The staff from All About Food who organised the Christmas party Code NA

Greg Mitten of West Lancs CVS, which organised attendance of the local charities to the event added: "This was a fantastic event and a worthy celebration of all the hard work done by the voluntary sector across West Lancs.

"It's brilliant to see a local business getting involved in the community in this way!"

Crutch amnesty!

Patients who have been given NHS crutches to help in their recovery are being asked to give them back when they are no longer needed.

Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust issues hundreds of pairs of crutches to patients who often forget to return them once they are no longer needed.

Unreturned equipment costs the Trust thousands of pounds a year.

Caitlin Edwards, Clinical Therapy Manager at Southport hospital said: "Although crutches are only used for a short period of time, they can be used again by new patients.

"We can clean and repair crutches and then reissue them. This will negate the need to purchase extra pairs which cost around £11 each."

Jane Galbraith and Caitlin Edwards are urging patients to return unwanted crutches

The crutch amnesty will run until March 31, 2016. Drop off points are located at Hants Lane Clinic, Ainsdale Centre for Health & Wellbeing, the Southport Centre for Health & Wellbeing and the Rehabilitation Department at Ormskirk District General Hospital.

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Cancer sufferer to fight benefit block

A CANCER sufferer from Skelmersdale is contesting the decision made by the government to have her Personal Independence Payment (PIP) stopped.

Margaret Davies, who has secondary breast cancer, was told recently that her PIP payment would be stopped as "she can walk 50 metres."

Her and her son, Stephen, have lodged numerous appeals against the decision, which have been rejected.

Stephen told The Champion: "My mum is probably the most kind–hearted and caring woman I know. A woman who helped raise me to become who I am today.

"A woman who in 2013 was diagnosed with an incurable type of illness, secondary breast cancer, which spread to other areas of her body.

"Since then she has battled chemotherapy, a mastectomy, and radiotherapy. She will have to receive treatment every three weeks, for the rest of her life. She also has been through mental troubles that go with the illness. However she has remained super positive about life and has been braver than anyone could imagine.

"Because of the illness, she has developed arthritis in both her knees – meaning she can hardly walk. She also battled with lymphedema in her arm, which means she struggles with simple tasks like getting dressed or showering. My mum is also constantly fatigued and she gets tired even standing up."

Last year, Margaret was awarded PIP. Stephen added: "PIP gave her the opportunity to live better and more comfortably – granting her money to help with everything she needs so that she didn't have to damage herself by working as much as she had too in the past. Her quality of life greatly improved and she started to enjoy life once again.

"All until the last few months when they decided to take it off her. They have refused to help my mum out saying things such as "she can walk 50 metres". Even after numerous appeals they have turned her down again and again saying she isn't entitled to any disabling benefits despite her illness.

"How can this government continue to just not help the people that need it most? It's an absolute disgrace that they see my mum, who can just about pull herself out of bed in the morning on her own, as capable of supporting herself and not give her what she deserves and needs."

Stephen highlighted his mum's plight on Facebook and the post received almost 2,000 shares and likes.

The Champion have approached a government spokesperson for comment.

Margaret Davies is shown with her son Stephen **Code NA**

Report by **Henry James**

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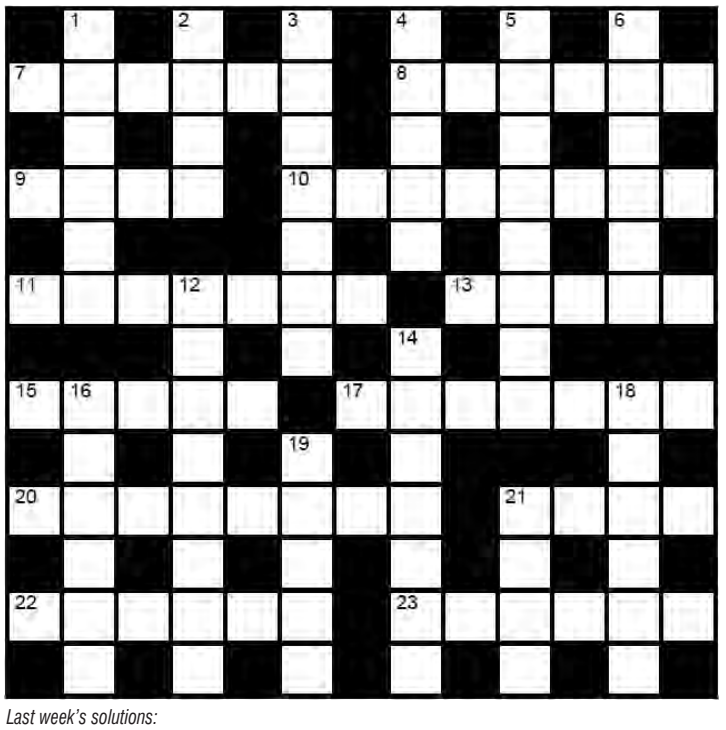

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Order of the day. 8 Skim over. 9 Ta ta. 10 Opening. 12 Hello. 14 Balsa. 16 Memento. 19 Emir. 20 Unbuckle. 22 Advertisement.

Down: 1 Trek. 2 Legman. 3 Solvent. 4 U-turn. 5 Settee. 6 Mantelet. 11 Psalmody. 13 Verbose. 15 Sorbet. 17 Encamp. 18 Mufti. 21 Lung.

ACROSS

7 To have complete control (6)
8 Type of verse (6)
9 Shoe with thick wooden sole (4)
10 Unequal contest (8)
11 What surgeons do (7)
13 To arrange clothing loosely (5)
15 Girder having a cross section resembling ninth letter of alphabet (1-4)
17 Suppress (3-4)
20 Californian white wine (8)
21 Of this kind (4)
22 Highest point of a hill or mountain (6)
23 Long-legged wading bird with slender upturned bill (6)

DOWN

1 Summon to serve, eg in the armed forces (4,2)
2 Male deer (4)
3 Christian hermit or recluse (7)
4 Coming before all others (5)
5 Damaged (8)
6 Temporary or minor problem or setback (6)
12 Actual time during which a process or event occurs (4-4)
14 Symbol donating a number (7)
16 Worn out by over-use (4-2)
18 Evil (6)
19 Make a speech (5)
21 To pack or store carefully (4)

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Skelmersdale drug gang handed twenty year prison sentence

Report by **Henry James**

A GROUP of West Lancashire drug dealers have been sentenced at court to nearly 20 years in prison and make up part of a group who will be behind bars for nearly 76 years.

The latest four were sentenced at Preston Crown Court on, Friday, December 18 after pleading guilty to drugs offences.

Nineteen people were sentenced earlier this year to more than 56 years in prison in relation to the same investigation which also looked at drug related activity in Chorley.

Gary Martin, 53, of Eversley, Skelmersdale pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and conspiracy to supply heroin and was sentenced to five years four months.

Veronica Walsh, 42, of Eversley, Skelmersdale pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and conspiracy to supply heroin and was jailed for three years.

Gareth Dunn, 30, of Aspes Road, Liverpool pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and conspiracy to supply heroin. He was handed a sentence of six years and eight months in prison.

Aaron Green, 24, of Fairstead, Skelmersdale, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply crack cocaine and conspiracy to supply heroin and was sentenced to four years nine months.

Luke Donoghue, 18, of Cranmer Street, Liverpool, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply heroin and crack cocaine and was due to be sentenced with the above four but failed to attend court. He is now wanted and officers are seeking to locate him as soon as possible.

The five were charged as part of Operation Edgar – part of the wider Operation Nemesis – an investigation into drugs supply across Skelmersdale.

Gary Martin **Code NA**

Aaron Green **Code NA**

Detective Inspector Nick Hills, who led the operation, said: "We're absolutely committed to tackling drug dealing and we hope that this operation demonstrates that commitment. The investigation stretched over numerous months and involved the supply of both heroin and cocaine across the Skelmersdale area in the case of Op Edgar and Chorley in Op fenton.

"Drug dealers target some of the most vulnerable people in our communities with threats and bullying. They cause misery for others without a care for anybody else or the harm they leave behind. We are determined to continue to tackle these people with our partners to help make West Lancashire a safer place

"I am pleased with the sentences and hope they provide reassurance to our local communities that we take these matters seriously and those communities that have been blighted can be assured that this Christmas, and many more to come, will be spent behind bars for many of the individuals involved in illegal drug dealing.

"However, we can only achieve this with the help of local people, so please continue to come forward and pass on any information you think is relevant to us. No–one is untouchable and we will continue to use all the criminal and civil legislation at our disposal to put individuals such as these behind bars."

If you have any concerns you can contact your local neighbourhood policing team via 101 or you can report any suspicious activity to them online via www.doitonline.lancashire.police.uk.

Learning difficulties charity to benefit from trust grant

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CHARITY for adults with learning disabilities in West Lancashire has been given two grants totalling almost £4,000.

Timesavers provide work experience to adults with learning disabilities by providing an administration service for local voluntary sector organisations.

They have received a grant offer of £300 to be spent on the purchase of printer ink, paper and card from Lancashire County Councillor Steven Holgate, the Champion for Disabled.

They have also been awarded £3,600 to cover the cost of their office rent from the Yapp Charitable Trust, who make grants for running costs and salaries to small registered charities in England and Wales to help sustain their existing work.

For more information, visit yappcharitabletrust.org.uk

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£10,000 prize revealed for Edge Hill short story winner

Report by **Henry James**

EDGE Hill University is accepting submissions for the 2016 Edge Hill Short Story Prize, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary by awarding the major category winner a massive £10,000.

The Short Story Prize will also include a £1,000 Reader's Choice award to a writer from the shortlist, and a further category for stories by Edge Hill University Masters of Arts, Creative Writing students.

Edge Hill Prize founder and Professor of Short Fiction, Ailsa Cox said the University is proud to celebrate this significant milestone.

"Throughout the last ten years, the Edge Hill Prize has helped raise the status of the short story, which is often overshadowed by the novel. Our winners are a roll call of world–class talent, including Colm Tóibín, Sarah Hall and Kevin Barry.

"In order to mark this momentous occasion, we are proud to double this years' prize money from the usual award of £5,000 to £10,000," she said.

Publishers must submit collections for consideration by Tuesday. March 1, 2016, with awards to be presented at a ceremony in July 2016.

This year's judges include 2015 winner of the Edge Hill Prize, Kirsty Gunn, whose collection, Infidelities was praised by the judges for its haunting imagery and powerful style. She is joined by Cathy Galvin, director of The Word Factory, and Edge Hill Creative Writing lecturer, Billy Cowan.

In order to be eligible, collections must be published during 2015. Authors must be born or normally reside in the British Isles (including Ireland).

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‘Magnificent’ world show at Martin Mere

Report by **Henry James**

Deeply Beyond exhibition shows plants and fauna in finely detailed photographs

One of the images on show **Code NA**

THE magnified world of nature is being explored in a new exhibition at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre.

Deeply Beyond, an exhibition by Mary Keenan, uses lighting techniques to show plant specimens and feathers in fine detail producing, photographic art works that look beyond the usual eye view and have been described as vibrant, colourful, and beautiful.

Centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: “We have never had an exhibition of this type before at the centre. You can see things like a delicate white flower coloured blue and glowing orange from within, the intricacy of a seed pod or a peacock’s feather portrayed in beautiful rich colours. It is something very different to come and see over Christmas.”

The exhibition can be viewed until January 28 and will be located in the exhibition hall and all art work will be available to purchase with a percentage going towards the valuable work that Martin Mere does.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 4.30pm during winter months and parking is free of charge.

Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations.

Visit www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere to find out what’s on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

Mini musicians launch album

TALENTED students at a music academy are hoping to hit the right note with sales of their festive charity CD.

Students at Sound Affects Music on New Court Way in Ormskirk have recorded their annual seven–track Christmas CD for Alder Hey Children’s Hospital in Liverpool.

A competition was held to design the album’s cover, which was won by student Zara Holmes with her festive design of a snowman playing the guitar.

To purchase the CD or for more information call 01695 580300 or visit soundaffectsmusic.com

Zara with piano tutor Chloe Petit.

Top customer care award for council

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE County Council’s older people’s service has been presented with a Customer Service Excellence certificate.

The service runs a number of facilities across the county, including 17 care homes, specialised dementia centres, rehabilitation units and 14 day care centres across Lancashire.

This is the second time that the county council has achieved the accolade, which recognises the high quality of its services and that they are delivered in a safe way and shows that those who use the services are treated equally.

County Councillor Tony Martin, cabinet member for adult and community services, said: “This is great news and it recognises the high standards of services we provide to older people.

“The inspection was tough and looked at different aspects of how the service is run, such as how staff are trained, the procedures we have in place and the systems we’ve set up to run the service safely.

“It’s reassuring for the people that use our services and their families as they know we’re delivering high levels of care.”

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Nursery's little helpers brighten up village

Town Green Brasserie manager Dan McDonald with some of the children from Portico Kindergarten who made decorations for the Christmas Tree. Code1086629

A GROUP of little Christmas helpers have been doing their bit to bring a touch of sparkle to a village hostelry's festive display.

Excited nursery children from Portico Kindergarten in Aughton were invited to the Town Green Brasserie to hang their own handmade decorations on the Christmas tree outside to celebrate the recently–opened venue's first Christmas in the village.

They were accompanied by teachers from the nursery and parents also came along to watch the festivities.

As well as hanging their decorations on the tree, the children also sang Christmas carols to mark the occasion.

Town Green Brasserie general manager, Dan McDonald, said: "We wanted to make our first Christmas in the venue a special one. It's important to maintain local traditions. The children have always put the decorations on the tree and we think it's a lovely idea and something which will continue going forward."

Nursery manager, Jane Waterson, added: "It was a great experience for the children. They thoroughly enjoyed decorating the tree and it was nice to get involved within our local community.

"The staff at the Town Green Brasserie were lovely and looked after us really well. We're already looking forward to returning next year."

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Well done to Rosie for backing plans to monitor abattoirs and stamp out sickening cruelty

WELL done to Rosie Cooper for backing the Animal Aid plan to install CCTV cameras in abattoirs throughout the UK (Champion, December 16).

I was saddened to read about the animals being abused and tortured in the nine slaughterhouses which were secretly filmed.

Twenty–five years ago my job as a service engineer involved visiting slaughterhouses in order to repair electrical equipment and very often I witnessed cows, sheep and pigs being kicked and whipped – some as they came down the ramps of the lorries unloading them into the abattoir.

It's bad enough being executed but much worse if you're tortured beforehand. The terrible cruelty and smell of death that I witnessed in those slaughterhouses over the years eventually helped me quit meat–eating altogether and adopt a vegetarian diet, which has certainly improved my health and my conscience.

The inhumane torture of animals in abattoirs is obviously still going on today as it was 25 years ago and only strict monitoring by CCTV cameras will help stop it.

I'm not a campaigner on this issue but readers can find out more if they wish by searching the internet for Animal Aid: The Humane Slaughter Myth.

R. B., by email

Some interesting points raised but don't change the column to One Man and his God!

JIM Sharpe in his One Man and His Dog column, raised some interesting points in the debate about whether Britain is still a Christian country.

Indeed, fewer people still attend church – 79% of a Yougov poll in April 2012 had no plans to go to church over the Easter period – and many are closing down. It would not be offensive, I hope, to suggest this trend, and indeed, disestablishment of the state and religion, is inevitable.

It can be hurtful to those of us with no religion to hear insinuations that belief in a faith is a preferred moral standpoint to one of no belief. My secular friends, neighbours, family and work colleagues are as morally upright, sometimes more so, than those we know who profess to be Christian.

So it is pointless to insist on waving the fading religious flag over Britain – we should just behave morally, enjoy life, and if you need a god as well, choose one.

But Jim, please don't change the column title to One Man And His God.

P. A. by email

We're still Christians even if many of us don't go to church

MR Sharpe hit the nail on the head with his last insight.

Even though we (the general 'we') don't go to church we are still Christians so why should we change for change's sake?

D. H., by email

Jim Sharpe for PM!

I CAN'T put this off any longer. I must write regarding Jim Sharpe's column, the first page I turn to every week.

Time after time Jim is the voice of reason and has to echo what the majority of ordinary people think.

In my opinion I think it would be ideal if Jim stood for a brand new party, 'The Party of Commonsense', or better still Prime Minister!

I know who I'd vote for.

Margaret J. Carr, by email

PICTURE of the week

www.champnews.com/pixonline

Santas on the run

There was some fundraising fun on Sunday for the hundreds who took part in the seasonal Santa Sprint – a two kilometre jaunt starting at Southport Pier in aid of Queenscourt Hospice.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Merry Christmas – however you choose to celebrate!

WELL, this 'Dog' should hopefully appear on your doorstep on Christmas Eve, the first time I can remember that this has occurred. It kind of happened last year, but since publication was indeed December 24 I doubt if many actually had it delivered before Christmas.

So, what can I say? Well, obviously my very best wishes for this Christmas and for a cheerful and peaceful 2016, for a start.

I'm not certain that I ever truly believed in Santa Claus, my earliest memory of Christmas Eve was seeing dad and probably mum creeping into the bedroom I shared with my brother George to retrieve our 'main' presents craftily (but totally unsuccessfully) hidden on top of the wardrobe. Dad in the early days was indeed kitted out as Father Christmas, but that kindly gentleman surely should have been rather more stout, and his voice less affected by alcoholic beverage.

Anyway, these presents then miraculously appeared under the tree, to be opened only after our Christmas lunch. On Christmas morning itself, Santa's elves had put pillowcases stuffed with minor presents and sundry oranges, sweets and chocolates at the foot of our beds to keep us happy until the main event. Such was the custom in our house, one which George and I continued with only minor alterations, such as the disappearance of the pillowcases, until his untimely death two years ago.

Still, I have stocked up on seasonal goodies for Christmas Day and if Cinders' greed can be kept in some kind of check, Tina and I should have a fairly good time of it. In a way, Cinders probably makes the day because of her boisterous efforts to get fed and the fact that at three–and–a–half she is still happy as the day is long. It is rather like having an excited child in the house. George used to say that Collies don't 'grow up' until they are about seven, and certainly cheerful little Cinders is trying to prove him right.

I must admit though that I don't really buy into the over–the–top determination to 'enjoy' yourself at Christmas time. When I had a 'proper job' I was as keen as the next person to join in with the office Christmas parties (and in those rather less politically correct days they could degenerate rather into resembling Roman revels) but 'real' Christmas for me was always a more personal, low–key affair with my immediate family.

There was a chap on telly the other night (or it could have been a woman) who seemed honestly to think that eating, drinking and generally behaving badly was "what Christmas is all about, isn't it?" Well, not really it isn't. And whether you are a practising Christian or not, it does seem to me that a passing thought at least should be given to the message it is trying to get across – Peace and Goodwill to all men (which means people, in case this offends anybody).

I don't think this precludes enjoying yourself, quite the opposite since Christmas is, after all, a celebration. Surely though, a little time to consider the Christmas message should creep in there somehow?

However you intend to spend Christmas, I hope you and those close to you take real pleasure in whatever you are doing.

A Merry Christmas to you all.

Burscough plagued by dog mess too

I NOTICED in last week's Champion (December 16) a letter to the editor about dog mess. I have also been intending to write to you regarding this issue.

I live in the village of Burscough and have been on maternity leave this year. On several occasions I have had to clean dog mess off my pram wheels, not the most pleasant of jobs as you can imagine.

I have nothing against dogs or their owners but would really appreciate them cleaning up after their pets.

J. Simpson, by email

Parking unfair to genuine disabled

I would like to know why cars are still allowed to park all over Ormskirk on double yellow lines without displaying disabled badges or fine tickets.

Is it to avoid paying in the car parks?

It is not fair to the genuine disabled driver like myself.

AE Millington, Ormskirk

Hospital tests

Re: Woman wanting to drive her mother into the pedestrianised area of Ormskirk town centre to get her a hearing test. (Champion, December 9 and 16). Ormskirk Hospital has a hearing clinic for tests and also has wheelchairs available.

Jonjo, By email

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Christmas service times at Ormskirk Parish Church

ORMSKIRK Parish Church will host its traditional Nativity Service on Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) starting at 6.30pm.

This short, child–friendly service will feature youngsters from the church's Sunday School performing their interpretation of the Christmas story, including singing Away In A Manger by candlelight.

The traditional Midnight Communion Service starts at 11.30pm, while the Family Communion Service will be held at 10.30am on Christmas Day (Friday).

Reverend Stuart Haynes said: "We would like to invite everyone to join us as we celebrate the reason for Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Mayor's Christmas message

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy

THE Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, has issued her festive greeting to all residents of the borough.

Cllr. Hennessy said: "My husband Paul and I would like to thank the people of West Lancashire for inviting us to their wonderful events and celebrations. We are proud to serve West Lancashire as mayor and mayor's consort and are very grateful for the warm and friendly welcome we have received wherever we have visited.

"Paul and I have been privileged to see the very best of West Lancashire in our year so far and we have felt humbled by the work that is done by so many of you on behalf of others.

"We have also been very grateful for the support we have received to help charities we are raising money for this year. These are Lancashire Young Carers, which is funded by Barnardo's, Lancashire County Council and local health authorities, and the Alzheimer's Society in West Lancashire.

"May we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year."

Carols at care home

RESIDENTS at a care home in Ormskirk enjoyed their own Christmas lights switch–on with special guests including West Lancs town crier, Don Evans, former Older People's Champion, Councillor May Blake and local ex–servicemen.

The event, at Abbey Wood Lodge on County Road, saw residents and their families and friends enjoy a carol service and a visit by Father Christmas, as well as tucking into warm mince pies washed down with tea or coffee.

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Pupils link up with football club

A NEW 'sponsor' banner with a difference is in place at Burscough FC's Victoria Park ground.

The latest addition to the perimeter advertising at the club has been designed by members of the Kids Club at Burscough Village Primary School which meets before and after school each day during term time. Its aim is to strengthen the school's links with the football club and the wider community.

Kids Club manager, Deidre Sadgrove, said: "The banner was designed and printed for display to further strengthen our links with the football club and the community.

"Everyone at the Kids Club is working hard to continue our commitment to helping the children develop their sporting skills and sense of community."

• RIGHT: Burscough Village Primary School Kids Club celebrate the unveiling of their banner at Victoria Park. Code1085478

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Council seeks public input on travellers' sites

MEMBERS of the public can have their say on an important document that will guide West Lancs Council on how it should deal with the needs of sites for travellers.

A Provision for Travellers Sites Development Plan Document being compiled by the authority names three sites it has identified as 'preferred options' for accommodating the needs of the travelling community, and the potential number of pitches on each site.

The document also includes a draft policy to assess planning applications for traveller accommodation and sites, and a list of potential sites across the borough that were considered and assessed as to their suitability but which have not ultimately been identified as one of the preferred options.

The council want to hear your views on the draft document during a public consultation which will run until Friday, January 29.

For information on how to share your views on this important document with the council visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/travellers or call the council on 01695 585274.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "We know that the issue of sites for the travelling community can be emotive and controversial but this council has a legislative requirement to undertake this exercise and to seek to meet within West Lancashire, the identified need.

"I would emphasise that no final decisions have been made on any sites and the consultation exercise provides residents with a chance to give their views."

After research the following three sites have been nominated as preferred options:

• Sugar Stubbs Lane, North Meols. This is currently occupied by travellers, and has permission for one caravan. It is considered suitable for permanent traveller accommodation and the council believes it has a potential for two more pitches.

• Pool Hey Caravan Park, Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick. This site is currently occupied by travellers. It is also considered suitable for permanent traveller accommodation and the council believes it has a potential for a total of five pitches.

• Land west of The Quays, Burscough, currently with permission for 10 travelling showpeople plots, considered suitable as a travelling showpeople site.

However, even with these sites the council is still unable to meet its full need for accommodating travellers. Anyone with suggestions for potential sites is asked to make these known through the consultation process.

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Festive bus services information available online

INFORMATION about bus services over the festive period can be found on Lancashire County Council's website.

Simply log on to www.lancashire.gov.uk and search under 'Bus Service Changes' to find the Festive Schedule which contains useful information about all bus services in the county.

Alternatively, you can call into your local information centre or interchange where staff will be able to advise you about your bus service.

There will be no buses running in Lancashire on Christmas Day but on Boxing Day and New Year's Day some bus companies will run limited service.

Traveline is open every day apart from Christmas Day, so you can call to speak to a travel advisor to find out about all public transport services in Lancashire on 08712002233 (calls from landlines cost 12p a minute plus your phone company's access charge).

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Recruits sought for tenants scrutiny group

HOUSING staff at West Lancs Council are recruiting new tenant members for the the authority's Landlord Services Committee and the Tenants Scrutiny Group.

Members of these groups will carry out a variety of activities, including talking to staff and tenants to gather their views, looking at performance information and working with councillors and giving tenants' view points.

Councillor Jennifer Patterson, the council's portfolio holder for housing, said: "The council is always striving to improve its housing services and invites tenants to get involved to ensure the services we provide are what tenants want. So please contact us and help the council in its aims to make your homes and communities better."

The Landlord Service Committee (LSC) enables tenants and councillors to discuss housing matters before they are taken to the council cabinet. The group is made up of councillors, staff and tenants working together in partnership. The LSC meets four times a year with meetings lasting up to three hours.

The Tenants Scrutiny Group (TSG) is made up of tenants and monitors and scrutinises housing services delivered by the council, examining services in a number of ways such as reviewing information, interviewing staff and researching what other housing providers do. The group produces reports which influence changes to services.

A council spokesman said: "If you want to check the rent you pay gives you value for money, meet new people and develop your skills, confidence levels and employment opportunities, please get in touch. Don't worry if you've never done anything like this before as you will be given full training and support in your new role."

To find out how to become a member of the Landlord Services Committee or the Tenants Scrutiny Group contact a member of the tenant involvement team on 01695 585184; email tenantinvolvement@westlancs.gov.uk; or text 'contact me' to 07786204730 and a staff member will call you back.

To find out more about tenant participation visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/getinvolved.

Public join in fun at care home fair

Saff member Jessica and a resident

BIRCH Green Care Home in Skelmersdale opened its doors to the community for an afternoon of festive fun.

Staff and residents welcomed family, friends and members of the public to the home's Christmas fair with musical entertainment provided by the Skelmersdale Community Singers. There were also stalls with gifts hand–made by residents, a raffle and festive refreshments – plus, of course, a visit by Father Christmas!

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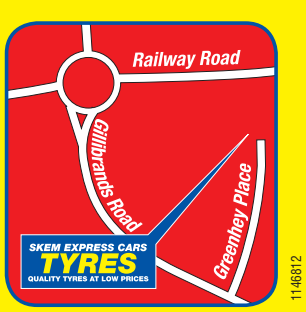

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Solicitors duo join Dementia Friends

TWO legal eagles signed up to become Dementia Friends when they visited a local care home.

Susan Ward and Pam Briscoe, who are members of the wills and probate team at Mooney Everett solicitors in Ormskirk, went along to Abbey Wood Lodge in County Road to meet staff, residents and their families.

During their visit the pair, who specialise in advising elderly clients on planning for the future, enlisted for the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends initiative which aims to change people's perceptions of the disease.

And they were joined by other Dementia Friends from Parbold and Southport.

The Dementia Friends at Abbey Wood Lodge

Still time to have a say on changes to taxi policy

THERE is still time to have a say on proposed changes to West Lancs Council's taxi licensing policy which includes plans to ban e–cigarettes.

The council licences taxis and drivers throughout the borough as a means to ensure public safety and to support the licensed trade. The council's standards for licensed vehicles and drivers are contained in its Taxi Licensing Policy, which is reviewed every three years and will be replaced in 2016.

The council wants to hear people's views on the proposed changes to the policy and has started a public consultation which will run until January 10, 2016.

Smoking is prohibited from all licensed vehicles and the council is seeking to extend this ban to e–cigarettes.

Other proposals include revising the 'knowledge test' for new driver licence applicants to place greater emphasis on the understanding of licence conditions and issues relating to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

A new urgent action procedure is also suggested, which aims to improve the way officers can deal with those licence holders that may have either been accused or convicted of a serious offence and the matter needs to be addressed quickly.

New procedures are also planned which set out how the council assesses the criminal history of applicants or existing licence holders. The proposals are based on a document agreed by officer groups across Lancashire and Greater Manchester and is designed to promote consistency and transparency in licensing decisions.

To read the draft policy and find out how you can give your views, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews and click on consultations underway.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "We would welcome the views of anyone living and working in the borough as well as the licensed trade. We are very grateful to everyone who has responded to the consultation so far but really want to hear the views of as many people in West Lancashire as possible during this period. We would particularly like to hear from people who use taxis regularly so that we can ensure our policy meets the needs of local people."

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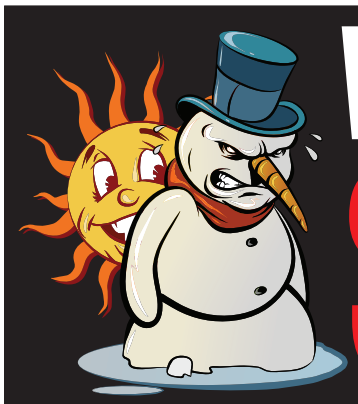

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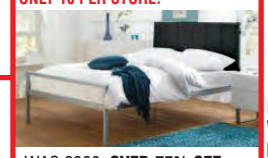

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Peter Pan flying into school's Sports Theatre

Report by **Henry James**

PETER Pan is flying into Skelmersdale.

Talk of the Town Promotions are staging the magical fairy tale, Peter Pan at Glenburn Sports Theatre, Skelmersdale in January 2016.

Peter Pan is the boy who doesn't want to grow up. His best friend Tinkerbell leads him to meet the Darling family who include Wendy and her two brothers, John and Michael. Together the group have adventures in Neverland where they meet the sinister Captain Hook, and a gang of Lost Boys and a rowdy bunch of pirates!

Back at home Mr and Mrs Darling are worried as their children have disappeared and poor Nana always seems to be in trouble!

Sally Rhodes, director of the production said: "The cast and crew are very excited to be staging such a magical and technically challenging production, with high flying equipment, big musical numbers and a fight scene when just about anything could happen!"

Talk of the Town Promotions is a non–profit making theatre group, however, they are hoping that any profit made will be donated to a local children's charity.

Peter Pan flies into Skelmersdale on Thursday, January 7 at 7.30pm, Friday, January 8 at 7.30pm and Saturday, January 9 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. For more information call the Box Office on: 07876 554 568.

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The cast of Peter Pan **Code NA**

Sleeping Beauty was a 'true old–fashioned pantomime'

Review by **Ron Ellis**

• Southport Dramatic Club
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LAYLA Garlin and Eleanor Gillow took the starring roles as The Sleeping Beauty and Prince Valiant in this year's SDC pantomime, Norman Robbins' version of Sleeping Beauty.

Paul Wilkinson shone as Dame Goodbody, as if born to the role, and he and John Delahunty, as Tickles, made a good double act. In fact, the funniest part of the show was when they pretended to have lost their way in the script and we were treated to five minutes of impromptu banter.

Brendan Gillow played King Cedric with Marie Orr looking regal as Queen Semolina. Peter Bruce played the bumbling servant, Fusspot, Zoe Findlay was Azuriel, the Good Fairy and Helen Pickavance her wicked counterpart, Garabosse.

A novel feature was to have two girls, Sophie Wright and Rachel Boal, rather than the usual boys, playing Shout and Bawl, roles in which they obviously revelled but, noticeably, there were no young children in the cast.

The 13 members of the dancers and chorus, dressed in colourful costumes, performed the usual song and dance routines including a lively version of the 1985 Katrina and The Waves' hit, Walking on Sunshine, while the audience joined in dutifully for the traditional sing–a–long to The Time Warp.

A live band played the music with Chris Rimmer as the MD. Corinna Davies, Rob McGregor and Marie–Claire Malone were the choreographers and the director was Adrian Roberts who deserves special mention for his dedication to his craft as he had stepped in to play Sherlock Holmes in the previous production when rehearsals had already started for Sleeping Beauty. A true pro.

This was an old–fashioned traditional pantomime, in truth a little dated. No mention of Facebook, Twitter or Selfies, which today's children might expect; few modern songs or references to familiar local places or people and I did miss an extravagant finale for which SDC pantomimes in the past have been noted, with illuminated fountains, carriages and the like. A bit more oomph and sparkle would not have gone amiss.

Star Rating: 7 out of 10. A true old–fashioned pantomime.

Some of the cast of Sleeping Beauty **Code NA**

Cinderella was 'a fun–packed night' and 'great fun' for audience

Review by **Ron Ellis**

• Cinderella
• Epstein Theatre, Liverpool

WITHOUT a doubt, the best pantomime I have been to this year.

Alison Crawford made a winsome Cinderella and showed she has a fine singing voice while while celebrity playboy, TV star and underwear model, Calum Best as Prince Charming, had all the girls in the audience screaming as he preened around the stage, happily allowing the rest of the cast to mock his acting ability and obviously enjoying the non–stop banter.

Years after watching her playing the clubs around town back in the Sixties, it was great to see Merseybeat legend, Beryl Marsden, in her first pantomime role as the Fairy Godmother. Her voice was just as strong as it was in the Blue Angel and the Cavern days, to the delight of her mentor, Joe Flannery, who was watching proudly in the audience.

Lesley Butler was a brilliant Wicked Stepmother as the Baroness, snarling so convincingly that I wonder husband Billy doesn't have nightmares when she arrives home at night.

Tom Burroughs and director Michael Chapman did a grand turn as the Ugly Sisters. Michael's hilarious exchanges with the children invited onstage (Buddy, Lois and Bella) were undoubtedly the high spot of what was a very amusing and entertaining show.

The confident young Lewis Pryor showed great promise with a polished comedy performance as Buttons and Chris Barton looked quite at home as Dandini.

This was a panto that was quite over the top with new slants on some of the old routines like the old 'ghost behind you' sketch and a frantic version of Twelve Days of Christmas.

When the actors ran among the audience they didn't just keep to the aisles. Having a burly Ugly Sister trying to climb over her to get to the seat behind was not quite what the lady next to me expected and, while one expects to see a water pistol directed at the people unlucky enough to sit in the front three rows, those in the back stalls were faced with a beaming Calum Best at the front of the stage, brandishing a power pump. Before drenching them.

The sets were terrific, especially the snow scene with two real live Shetland ponies pulling the carriage carrying Cinderella to the Ball through a line of glittering fairy lights.

With flamboyant costumes, exhilarating dance routines and a loud pulsating beat driving the songs, this was a fun–packed night and another triumph for executive producer, Lee Kelly. Star Rating 9 out of 10 Great fun. Panto at its BEST.

The cast of Cinderella **Code NA**

Music of Whitney Houston lives on in The Bodyguard

Review by **Henry James**

THE Bodyguard which proved to be a hit in London's West End is touring and has reached Manchester's Palace Theatre, where it can be seen until January 9.

It is now more than 20 years since the film, starring Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner, was released.

Alexandra Burke, who was the winner of the fifth series of The X Factor in 2008, stars in the role Whitney played in the film (Rachel Marron). She has already had a successful stint in the West End production and has put her album on hold for two years because of this show.

She is a triple threat as her vocal range is impressive, she can certainly dance and she portrays the diva quality of her character. It is obvious she enjoys singing the Whitney songs. In my opinion, Alexandra prefers the quicker numbers.

The musical includes singles, which did not appear on the original film, such as I Wanna Dance with Somebody and Greatest Love of All.

Alexandra is protected from a dangerous stalker by Frank Farmer (Stuart Reid) who is able to carry across the serious and comic element of his part. His dreadful karaoke singing was enjoyed by the audience at the performance I went to.

Melissa James who plays Nicki Marron (Rachel's sister) also has a fantastic singing voice. Her version of Saving All My Love for You is a highlight.

Mike Denman plays Rachel Marron's stalker. He is always in the shadows and there is a sense of impending tragedy throughout the show.

The music of Whitney Houston lives on in The Bodyguard The Musical. 8/10

Alexandra Burke as Rachel Marron and Mellisa James as Nicki Marron in The Bodyguard. Pic by Paul Coltas **Code NA**

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ROUGHLEY Norman

The family of the late Norman Roughley would like to thank family, friends and neighbours who were there for us all at this sad time. Thank you all for the generous donations for British Heart Foundation. Special thanks to Rev. James Goodwin-Hudson for the lovely service at Christ Church Parbold. Also many thanks to Gary and all at Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, Burscough.

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DEATHS

JEFFERS Terry

Passed away 11th December aged 69 years.

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DEATHS

JEFFERS Terrence

11th December 2015

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DEATHS

HORNBY TOM

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JEFFERS Terrence

11th December 2015
Suddenly
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In Memory of

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Application No: 2015/1085/FUL Single storey side extension along with additional car parking, revised car park entrance, new boundary wall to the rear and side at Legh Arms, The Gravel, Mere Brow, Tarleton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

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This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
The application is accompanied by an environmental statement (a copy of which is available for inspection or purchase if required).
Application No: 2015/1200/FUL Alterations to garden/boundary wall to southern side of site adjacent to access road at 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
Application No: 2015/1275/LBC Listed Building Consent - Alterations to garden/boundary wall to southern side of site adjacent to access road at 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.
John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Assistant Director Planning
Dated: 23rd December 2015 PDNOT878

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LEES LANE, DALTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Lees Lane, for its whole length in the borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Appley Lane South- B5375 Appley Lane North – A5209 Hall Lane – A5209 Sparrow Hill – A5209 Parbold Hill – A5209 Alder Lane – Higher Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Wednesday 4th January 2016 until 1700 hours on Friday 8th January 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GRIMSHAW LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle from proceeding over that length of Grimshaw Lane from its junction with Heskin Lane for a distance of 25 metres in a South Westerly direction, in the borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

Heskin Lane – Marians Drive – Courtfield – Grimshaw Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential repairs to an inspection chamber to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 11th January 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

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All I want for Christmas is a Triumph TR6 – is that too much to ask for

Life On Cars
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FATHER CHRISTMAS will be cursing my dad this year. It's always a squeeze getting every last present onto that sleigh – so there's no way there's room for a Triumph TR6 too.

All twelve reindeer will be gasping for breath as they struggle to pull 1,100kg of beefy British sports car through the sky, and it's all that fault of that man who wrote in asking for a TR6 rather than a festive jumper – and that pesky Champion car bloke who encouraged him!

Luckily I don't think my dad's expecting the elves to do all the hard work – but he has been worryingly thorough in his plans to pick up a bit of classic car heritage to enjoy his retirement in. He's already worked out that plenty of TR6s the Americans bought new are now being repatriated – and that it's potentially cheaper to buy one of these and have it converted to right–hand–drive than it is to pay a small fortune for a Blighty–spec original.

The thought of a TR6 is an exciting one. Most importantly, he hasn't done the thing I dread most of all whenever I hear someone thinking about buying an old car – the idea of buying it as an investment.

Classic cars as investments belong in a sad world that forever seems to appear in the glossy supplements you get with Sunday broadsheets. Their owners have no intention of using them for anything other than to make money – and they put the prices up for people who truly enjoy them.

I know one tale of a chap who bought an E–type when they were cheap, enjoyed it until it outvalued his house and then used the proceeds to pay off his mortgage. Old cars thrive on being used and enjoyed – there's nothing sadder than seeing one carted from show to show in a trailer, knowing it never does any meaningful miles.

That's why if a TR6 does show up anytime soon I'll insist it gets used on country lanes on sunny afternoons and appears at car shows.

Triumph sports cars are meant to enjoyed rather than mollycuddled as investments.

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The name is being revived for the Italian manufacturer's belated replacement for the Bravo, which went out of production last year.

It'll initially be available as a hatchback and estate, with Fiat still deciding whether to import the saloon version.

Compared to Fiat's current UK line–up, the Fiat Tipo will be a vastly different car, design–wise. Instead of the 500's retro lines or the Panda's rounded edges, the Tipo will instead boast bold bodywork creases, a distinctive front end and more pronounced detailing.

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The new Smart ForTwo Cabriolet is available to order now. Code NA

PRICES have just been announced for a new al fresco version of the diminutive Smart. The ForTwo Cabriolet won't appear in the showrooms until after the New Year, but it's available to order now with prices starting at £13,265. It's available with a choice of two petrol engines and manual or automatic transmission, and two different optional extras packages for anyone keen to enjoy gadgets on the move.

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Limited edition Jeep Cherokee has been revealed

JEEP has announced a new limited edition version of its Cherokee off–roader. The new Night Eagle model is based on the mid–range Longitude Plus version of the Cherokee but adds black roof bars and black 18–inch alloy wheels among other cosmetic tweaks. Just 350 are being sold in the UK, and costs £36,795.

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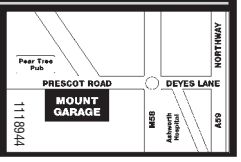

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Galliers goal enough for Richmond to stay top

Ladybridge 0
Burscough Richmond 1

RICHMOND scored on 25 minutes when last season's top marksman Mike Galliers found the back of the net.

Man of the match Rice was involved in the build up play, and coupled with clever footwork from striker Danny Barry who opened up the defensive Ladybridge back four for Galliers to drive into the back of the net from the edge of the penalty area.

Ladybridge weren't taking being a goal down to lightly and forced Adam Halton in the Richmond goal to make a couple of important saves.

Rain after half time made the surface difficult but Danny Barry soon brought an excellent save from the Ladybridge keeper. The game ebbed and flowed but there no further goals even though it was a quality display from Richmond.

Manager Chris Stammers said: "The performance was very positive considering the absent players.

"The lads who stepped in performed admirably against a side who had only been beaten at home once this season.

"It was a massive win to stay top of the league.

"With the atrocious weather we've been having it was good to be playing competitively again.

"Ladybridge's planning and forward thinking over the installation of an all weather surface,certainly is the way forward with amateur and grass roots football."

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Linnets extend run to beat promotion rivals

Glossop 0
Burscough 0

BURSCOUGH extended their incredible unbeaten run in the league to 12 games with this 1–0 win against play–off rivals Glossop.

The Linnets travelled to the side positioned one place above them in the table but managed to come away with all three points thanks to a Will Jones strike in the 75th minute.

Burscough made one change to the team for this game, Jon Conway starting for the suspended Michael Monaghan.

Glossop came out the block firing at the start of the game and looked to try and take control of the game early.

Burscough dealt with the early pressure and soon created chances of their own as it looked like it would be a battle of the defences all game.

Billy Smart, Will Jones and Jon Conway all had chances for Burscough in the first half to open the scoring in the game, but did not convert any of the chances with Glossop keeper Lewis King making a few saves.

The second half Burscough came out brighter and Glossop were still threatening the Burscough goal but neither team could break the deadlock.

Burscough on the attack against Glossop.

With 15 minutes from time, Burscough took the lead when great build up play resulted in a cross into the box and Will Jones tapped the ball home to give Burscough a slight advantage in the game.

Glossop poured forward in the final exchanges in the hope of finding an equiliser but the Linnets managed to hold on to the delight of travelling fans.

Burscough play at home against Prescott Cables on Boxing Day then away at Bamber Bridge on Monday, December 28. Both games kick off at 3pm.

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Washout allows break as Skem chief makes sponsorship plea

SKELMERSDALE United manager Tommy Lawson might be grateful that last night's (Tuesday) FA Trophy replay at home to AFC Fylde was postponed as it will allow his players more rest before a busy schedule over the festive period, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Skem visit Nantwich Town on Boxing Day who are presently in second spot in the Evo–Stik Premier Division.

On Bank Holiday Monday Skelmersdale are at home to Marine who have two former Skelmersdale stars in Dan Mitchley and Alan Burton among their ranks. On January 2, Skelmersdale face a long trip to Sutton Coldfield Town, who play on an artificial surface.

The rearranged date for the FA Trophy tie with Fylde is Tuesday, January 5 at Stormy Corner, kick off 7.45pm.

Both teams will be eager to get the game played too as the next round is on Saturday, January 9 away to Eastbourne Borough.

Meanwhile United chairman Paul Griffiths has appealed for support from local businesses.

He said: "We bring great publicity to the town and this helps companies based in Skelmersdale.

"We play all over Northern England and occasionally in the south and when I look at clubs in similar areas, like Derbyshire, The Midlands and Yorkshire they seem to get a lot more support from businesses based within their respective towns than we do.

"We have a good sponsor in Messenger Express who provide crucial assistance and we are extremely grateful for that.

"But some big companies are reaping a great deal of benefit from the Skelmersdale United success story and the publicity it brings to the town. All we are saying is please give us something back."

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Morning helps make it a miserable afternoon for his former team

Skelmersdale 1
Ashton United 2

IT is many years since Skelmersdale United beat Ashton United and Saturday's match at Stormy Corner probably said plenty about why.

With the game evenly balanced going into the interval, the visitors struck twice in three minutes to give them the crucial edge in bad weather conditions as the rain fell incessantly.

Both teams had scoring chances in an entertaining start, the pitch was in good order and both teams were showing plenty of endeavour. As the rain came down though, that situation worsened, almost by the minute.

Skelmersdale looked slick, Shaun Holden and new signing Dom Marie outpacing the Ashton backline.

The surface became slippery and in the 44th minute Ashton had a bit of luck as a slip put former Skem star Adam Morning in behind the home defence, he still plenty to do though, rounding the advancing Martin Fearon, before slotted home from an acute angle. It was a very good finish.

A second was then conceded when Connor got above everyone to head home two minutes into added time.

If a slip on the mud had given Ashton their opening, one by their players almost let Skem straight back into it inside three minutes, Steve Mason losing his footing leaving Yaw Gyimah in. But the Ghanaian also slipped and the chance was gone.

Skem continued to press, but it was much easier now to defend and unceremoniously clear the ball than it was to be creative and by the hour mark the pitch was in a condition that you certainly wouldn't have started a match on.

In the 75th minute one Skem player who did keep his feet was substitute Isaac Kusaloka who twisted away from his marker on the left and sent in a driven ball to the near–post. Rob McIntosh got to it first and directed the ball across goal into the far corner.

Five minutes from the end Skelmersdale almost saved it, Kenny Strickland's free–kick bringing a superb diving save out of Phillips.

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